

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 27, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Applicants amend Claims 16 and 58. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 28-57. Applicants also note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 16, 18-24, and 55-62 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 16 and 58 have been written to address the Examiner's concerns.

Section 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 16, 18-24, 58-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. As noted above, Claims 16 and 58 have been rewritten to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are exclusively for the purposes of clarifying the limitations of the claimed subject matter, and Applicants do not sacrifice any claim scope as a result of these amendments.

Conclusions

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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